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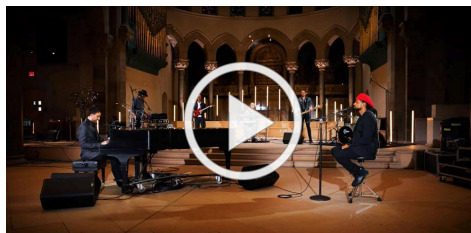
February 21, 2024



**The Concert for the Human Family**  
Featuring Kory Caudill, Wordsmith + Keith Caudill  
Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m.  
Calvary Episcopal Church

Join our Beloved Community Initiative for a transformative musical journey that bridges worlds and weaves stories of shared human experiences. Kory Caudill, a virtuosic pianist, and Wordsmith, a prolific spoken-word artist, have teamed up to create "A Concert for the Human Family." Their harmonious blend of Appalachia, virtuosic piano, Hamilton-like narratives, and modern pop has been celebrated and embraced across the nation.

This concert is an invitation to celebrate our shared humanity, to embrace the truth about ourselves and to nurture joy, our diocesan focus for this year. The Rev. Canon Eric McIntosh, the Canon for Beloved Community Initiative, offers, "Can we celebrate that we are a product of God's creativity? Can we do that together while at the same time acknowledging that we really make murky God's creation? I think this concert does that." The arts teach us what it means to be products of God's creativity and also how to live in a broken world. The arts are an avenue to explore the ways in which our differences are an invitation for collaboration. Let us come together as a diocese for a night that responds to this invitation to creative collaboration and celebrate our shared humanity.



The roots of this concert series trace back to a [filmed event at the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral](#), which garnered international attention, including Webby and Telly awards. This groundbreaking event has since echoed across the country, touching hearts and igniting conversations around unity, love, and our shared humanity.

Now, Pittsburgh, the city of bridges, becomes the latest canvas for this musical tapestry, binding together diverse sounds and tales from all walks of life. Dive into musical narratives that traverse two distinct worlds, revealing how strikingly similar they can be.

Tickets, ranging in price from \$0 to \$30 are available here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pittsburgh-pa-kory-caudill-wordsmith-keith->



# Tuesday Night 2024 Lenten Preaching Series

“Hope –  
Rooted in Christ”



**6 P.M. Dinner • 7 P.M. Holy Eucharist with hymns and sermon**

## **February 27**

**St. Thomas** . . . . . Preacher: The Rev. Charles Fischer  
378 Delaware Ave, Oakmont

## **March 5**

**St. Stephen's** . . . . . Preacher: The Rev. Liddy Barlow  
600 Pitt Street, Wilkinsburg

## **March 12**

**St. Andrew's** . . . . . Preacher: The Rev. Leslie Reimer  
5801 Hampton Street, Highland Park

## **March 19**

**Redeemer** . . . . . Preacher: The Rev. Carter Hawley  
5700 Forbes Avenue, Squirrel Hill



**We all can agree that clean air is a basic need.**

**Now our future is at stake!**

Unfortunately, our region continues to rank poorly in air quality assessments, a key factor to a livable future. Matt Mehalik, Executive Director of the Breathe Project, will help us learn what we can do to assure a future with clean air.

**Please join us:**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 11:30 AM**

**ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH HALL  
2365 MCALEER RD. FRANKLIN PARK**



**You won't want to miss this important presentation, sponsored by the Justice Ministry of St. Brendan's.**

Refreshments will be provided.

Questions? Contact [donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com](mailto:donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com)



A little about Matt:

Besides working as Executive Director of the Breathe Project, Matt teaches environmental policy and community resiliency courses at Heinz College and Carnegie Mellon University. He also served as Program Director of Sustainable Pittsburgh for 10 years. Matt has a Ph.D. in Systems Engineering, is published and serves as the chair of the board of trustees of Phipps Conservatory.



## **The Abbey of St. Nicholas and the Entrepreneurial Spirit**



In a previous issue, we discussed the discernment for the Abbey of St. Nicholas's location and its budding connection to the Brookline community. Previously, we also mentioned the fact that the Abbey is aimed at becoming financially self-sustaining. In this issue, we will expand upon the entrepreneurial aspect of the Abbey.

Fr. Biff shares his vision for this part of the Abbey's ministry in saying, "I was a chef for nearly a decade and so this is a skill I can contribute to the ministry to help it become self-sustaining. I also worked for several catering companies and realized that there are all of these wonderful markets that are untapped and so I thought 'ok, if we're going to do this financial piece, there's not going to be the time to

do committee meetings and church vestry meetings and stuff like that so we're going to have to adopt a whole new approach to this ministry."

Read the rest of the story

here: [episcopalpgh.org/abbey-of-st-nicholas-and-the-entrepreneurial-spirit/](http://episcopalpgh.org/abbey-of-st-nicholas-and-the-entrepreneurial-spirit/)



# BAY CHAMBER PLAYERS

PERFORM

## SPRING IS NEAR

*A heartfelt tribute to the indomitable spirit of  
Holocaust survivor Howard Chandler*

Gil Bigenho, Jr.  
violin

Will Phifer  
piano

Recital to include music by Massenet, Beethoven, Boulanger, Bruch, Dauber, & Saint-Saëns, and remembrance pieces composed by Gil Bigenho. Featuring organist Barbara Heidkamp and vocalist Barbara Winters.

*\$15 suggested donation*

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 AT 4:00 PM

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
4048 BROWNSVILLE RD. PITTSBURGH PA 15227



You are invited to spend time with the Bishop and members of the laity from around the diocese on Thursday, April 18, at 9:30 a.m. and/or Thursday, May 30, at 12 p.m.



*Nurturing our Faith* is an opportunity for fellowship, prayer, and spiritual reflection through story sharing. This gathering for laity is part of a series of Zoom gatherings with Bishop Ketlen. All gatherings have the same format and any lay person can come to any one of them.

Please register for the April 18 online gathering at:

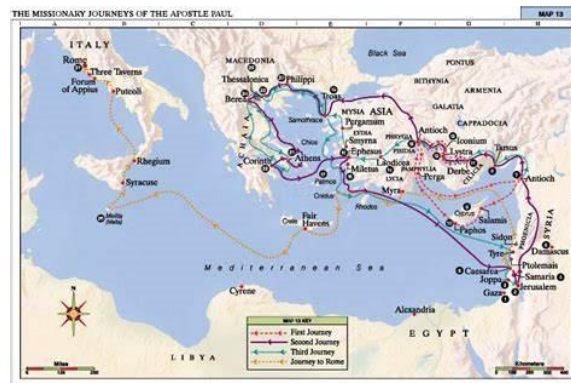
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZlftu2qrTksHtTTS4L9CpMLDGYjuwPBU0Sa>

Please register for the May 30 online gathering at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZ0lce2qrjJGtbNSbuvtLhbzkaY9TEuEIS->



## Journey With Paul



As the season of Lent begins, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Oakmont, invites you to make an imaginary trip by following the journeys of Paul and his spread of Christianity based on the book of the Acts of the Apostles. This will be live on Tuesday mornings, be available via Zoom, and recorded for later viewing for those who cannot attend.

For more information, contact Wilma Gaughan, St. Thomas' Parish Nurse at [wmarieg@gmail.com](mailto:wmarieg@gmail.com).



## 2024 Sacred Ground Dates Announced



Sacred Ground is part of the Beloved Community Initiative, the Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society.

There will be sessions of Sacred Ground going on at various locations throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh this year. Please encourage friends, family, fellow parishioners

and other congregations or faith based groups to participate.

There are some very positive changes to Level 1 based on feedback from the surveys from participants. This will give us time to implement some of the new initiatives (less readings, more up to date articles, more discussion time, and only 8 sessions). We are also adding a "Sacred Ground" Level 2 for those who took Sacred Ground and want a deeper dive into the content, more research and/or more action oriented programming. There are 6 sessions for Level 2 of the program.

**New Level 1 Session for Sacred Ground on Tuesdays starting Feb. 13, 2024** at [St. Thomas Church](#), Oakmont, at 6 PM. Dinner will be provided.

**New Level 2 Sacred Ground Sessions on Thursdays starting on Feb. 15, 2024** at [St. Thomas Church](#), Oakmont, at 6 PM. Dinner will be provided.

**New Level 2 Sacred Ground Sessions on Wednesdays, April 3 - May 8, 2024** in the Conference Room at [Calvary Church](#), East Liberty. Time TBD. Dinner will be provided.

[Click here to sign up!](#)



## Jazz at Emmanuel

*Where the spirited and the spiritual join together  
in a new kind of celebration*

March 10, 5 p.m.  
From God to Me to You

At the historic [Emmanuel Episcopal Church](#) in Pittsburgh's Northside, 957 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233  
412-231-0454



Upcoming, all at 5 p.m.:  
April 14th – *Instruments of Peace*  
May 12th – *Opening the Closed Door*



## Film Screening in Penn Hills

Sunday, March 3 at 5 p.m.

Fifty years ago, a group of brave pioneers broke the gender barrier by being ordained Episcopal priests. They became known as *The Philadelphia Eleven*.

This documentary film, more than 10 years in the making, tells of their struggle.

St. James Episcopal Church, Penn Hills,  
11524 Frankstown Rd, Pittsburgh, PA  
15235. Plenty of free parking.



Potluck and discussion to follow (if staying, please bring a dish to share)  
This film is closed-captioned to make it accessible to all.



## Around the Diocese



### Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

**February 25:** Emmanuel, North Side

**March 10:** St. David's, Peters Twp.

**March 17:** All Saints, Brighton Heights

**March 24:** St. Thomas, Canonsburg

Parish leadership is reminded to complete and submit [this form](#) at least two weeks in advance of their visitation.

To schedule time with Bishop Ketlen, contact Andrea Rath at 412-721-0853, ext. 251, or [arath@episcopalpgh.org](mailto:arath@episcopalpgh.org).

The **Cycle of Prayer** for December 2023 – August 2024 is now [available here](#).

Bishop Ketlen's **Visitation Schedule** for December 2023 – June 2024 is [available here](#).

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## Important Reminders

Yup, it's that time of year. **Parochial Report filing season is open!** [A brief note](#) was sent to parish leadership with filing details and the diocesan office stands by to assist. The deadline for filing is March 1.

It's also Parish Annual Meeting time! Leadership is reminded to complete our **Annual Meeting Report Form** (available in [PDF](#) or [Word](#)) as soon as possible following your meeting.

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## Save the Dates

The annual **Chrism Mass** with Renewal of Ordination Vows and Blessing of Oils will be held on **Tuesday, March 26, at 10 a.m.** at Trinity Cathedral. This is a combined service with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA. Additional information will be available soon.

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A **Diocesan Celebration of Ministry** with ministry fair will be held on **Saturday, May 18**, at Trinity Cathedral. Much more information about this joyous event will be available soon.

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## Parting Shots

**All Souls, North Versailles**



A fine day for a Visitation! Bishop Ketlen joined our friends at All Souls, North Versailles on Sunday, February 11.



Has your parish been featured in the news?  
Please let us know via email at [info@episcopalpgh.org](mailto:info@episcopalpgh.org)

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